| S. No. | States | Number of Unemployed persons (000) Rural | Urban |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10. | Orissa | 787 | 158 |
| 11. | Punjab | 207 | 130 |
| 12. | Rajasthan | 470 | 174 |
| 13. | Tamil Nadu | 2196 | 894 |
| 14. | Uttar Pradesh | 1462 | 636 |
| 15. | West Bengal | 3127 | 866 |
| | All India | 19495 | 7101 |

* Current Daily Status.

**Problem of Housing in Urban areas**

765. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UNICEF report "State of the World's Children-2005" has stated that 147 million kids in the country live in Kuchcha houses;

(b) if so, how many of them are in urban areas;

(c) the steps taken by Government to provide hygienic houses in the urban areas; and

(d) by when, the entire urban area would be free from Kuchcha houses.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) As per the estimate by the Town & Country Planning Organisation (TCPO) for the year 2001, the urban slum population is 618.258 lakh. Slums consist of kuchcha/temporary houses in which children are living along with other family members. As per the Census 2001, the number of urban households in temporary houses is 3,48,15,619. In order to facilitate construction and upgradation of dwelling units for the urban slum dwellers below the poverty line and to provide health and enabling urban environment through community toilets, the Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty alleviation is implementing a Centrally Sponsored scheme called Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY). No time frame has been fixed to free the urban areas from kuchcha houses.